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SPECIAL ORDERS

SPECIAL ORDER SPEECHES

The format for recognition for morning-hour debate and restricted special order speeches, which began on February 23, 1994, was reiterated on January 4, 1995, and was supplemented on January 3, 2001, will continue to apply in the 108th Congress as outlined below:

On Tuesdays, following legislative business, the Chair may recognize Members for special-order speeches up to midnight, and such speeches may not extend beyond midnight. On all other days of the week, the Chair may recognize Members for special-order speeches up to four hours after the conclusion of five-minute special-order speeches. Such speeches may not extend beyond the four-hour limit without the permission of the Chair, which may be granted only with advance consultation between the leaderships and notification to the House. However, at no time shall the Chair recognize for any special-order speeches beyond midnight.

The Chair will first recognize Members for five-minute special-order speeches, alternating initially and subsequently between the parties, regardless of the date the order was granted by the House. The Chair will then recognize longer special-order speeches. A Member recognized for a five-minute special-order speech may not be recognized for a longer special-order speech. The four-hour limitation will be divided between the majority and minority parties. Each party is entitled to reserve its first hour for respective leaderships or their designees. Recognition will alternate initially and subsequently between the parties each day.

The allocation of time within each party's two-hour period (or shorter period if prorated to end by midnight) is to be determined by a list submitted to the Chair by the respective leaderships. Members may not sign up with their leadership for any special-order speeches earlier than one week prior to the special-order, and additional guidelines may be established for such sign-ups by the respective leaderships.

Pursuant to clause 2(a) of rule V, the television cameras will not pan the Chamber, but a "crawl" indicating morning hour or that the House has completed its legislative business and is proceeding with special-order speeches will appear on the screen. Other television camera adaptations during this period may be announced by the Chair.

The continuation of this format for recognition by the Speaker is without prejudice to the Speaker's ultimate power of recognition under clause 2 of rule XVII should circumstances so warrant.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

On motion of Mr. DeLay, by unanimous consent, *Ordered*, That during the remainder of the 108th Congress—(1) on legislative days of Monday when the House convenes pursuant to House Resolution 488, the House shall convene 90 minutes earlier than the time otherwise established by that resolution solely for the purpose of conducting morning-hour debate; (2) on legislative days of Tuesday when the House convenes pursuant to House Resolution 488: (a) before May 31, 2004, the House shall convene for morning-hour debate 90 minutes earlier than the time otherwise established by that resolution; and (b) after May 31, 2004, the House shall convene for morning-hour debate 1 hour earlier than the time otherwise established by that resolution; (3) on legislative days of Tuesday after May 31, 2004, when the House convenes for morning-hour debate pursuant to a separate order of the House, the House shall resume its session 90 minutes after such convening; (4) the time for morning-hour debate shall be limited to 30 minutes allocated to each party (except that on Tuesdays after May 31, 2004, a 1-hour period shall be limited to 25 minutes allocated to each party and may not continue beyond 10 minutes before the hour appointed for the resumption of the session of the House); and (5) the form of proceeding to morning-hour debate shall be as follows: the prayer by the Chaplain, the approval of the Journal, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag shall be postponed until resumption of the session of the House; initial and subsequent recognitions for debate shall alternate between the parties; recognition shall be conferred by the Speaker only pursuant to lists submitted by the Majority leader and by the Minority leader; no Member may address the House for longer than 5 minutes, except the Majority leader, the Minority leader, or the Minority whip; and following morning-hour debate, the Chair shall declare a recess pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I until the time appointed for the resumption of the session of the House. (Agreed to Jan. 20, 2004.)